Updating the telecom technology

1514. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Committee for working out details of involving private sector in operation of value added telecome services, as part of its overall thrust to update telecom technology and services in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of references of the Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows:—

(1) To identify services which could be classified as value added services and their details.

(2) To recommend conditions and obligations of the applicant and the Department of Telecom with regard to system specifications, operational procedures, policy for expansion, terms of licensing, terms of surrender etc.

(3) To recommend the method of selection of franchise and whether two or more applicants are to be selected for congruent geographical areas.

(4) To recommend method of laying down licence fee/levy in accordance with the laws of the country and which will also allow the Department to generate necessary subsidies for telecom development in rural and other backward areas.

Post office in Mayur Vihar Phase-II Delhi

1515. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the residents of Mayur Vihar Phase-II, Delhi for opening of a Post Office there;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are two Post Offices in Mayur Vihar Phase-I.

(1) Mayur Vihar

(2) Mayur Vihar Extension.

Mayur Vihar Extension Post Office will be shifted to Mayur Vihar Phase-II on availability of suitable accommodation in that area.

(c) Does not arise.

Shifting of telephones in Bombay

1516. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in cases of shifting of telephones even in the same exchange area in Bombay City, there is considerable delay in executing the work;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total number of such cases pending for more than thirty days in each exchange area of Bombay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.